



TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON

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Sean M. Carroll, Deputy General Counsel
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
1000 Washington Street, Suite 820
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Re: Petition to Intervene Charter Communications

Dear Deputy General Counsel Carroll,

I am writing to request you grant the Town of Southamptton Petition to Intervene concerning a proposal by charter Communications (Charter) to establish/adjust basic tier programming, equipment, and installation rates. The town wishes to intervene on the basis of having a CATV Franchise License Agreement entered into with Charter for the period of 2017 – 2027.

The Town of Southamptton sets forth the following reasons why it should be granted intervenor status:

- 1.) The Town represents the interests of its residents and CATV customers in making sure basic tier rates remain affordable.
- 2.) The Town, as part of its franchise license negotiations with charter, had no opportunity to review or question basic tier costs, programming, equipment or installation.
- 3.) Southamptton residents could be adversely impacted by significant cost increases thereby causing a financial hardship to elderly residents, and persons of low/moderate income, unless the petition is granted.

Please contact me at Townadministrator@townofsouthampton.org if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Gibson
Town Administrator/Chief Financial Officer

cc: Charter Communications